

American Legion

Post 1758

Newsletter



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**Special Notice:** If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help RIGHT NOW, call this toll-free number:

**1-800-273-8255**

It is available 24/7 and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.

**Next Meeting**

Our next will be **January 13, 2026, 7:00PM** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

*Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.*

"Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle hardened. He will fight savagely"

[General Eisenhower](#)

**Good of the Legion:**

**Francis Devitta's** name was drawn for the Pot O'Gold drawing but he was not present; as such, the "pot" grew to \$286.



**Veterans' News**

**VA Secretary Collins focused on upgrades to veterans health care**

WASHINGTON — In February, Doug Collins was sworn in as the 12th secretary of Veterans Affairs during a time of continued public scrutiny of the quality of care veterans receive. A former congressman representing Georgia — and currently a colonel in the Air Force National Guard where he serves as a chaplain — Collins entered the job with an agenda clearly influenced by his ecumenical background. Nine months into his new role, he's celebrating wins, yet he takes personally recalcitrant issues such as homelessness and suicides among veterans.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On October 23, 2025, AL Post 1758 participated in the Military Appreciation Baseball Scrimmage at the East Fishkill Recreation Park which was hosted by the JJHS Baseball team.



- On November 1, 2025, JJHS Junior class member Callie Castilla won the annual AL Post 1758 Oratorical contest. Callie (pictured with event staff), the recipient of a medal and \$200 check from the Post, will now compete in the county-level competition.



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Post 1758's membership continues through December 31, 2025. For each individual that a member recruits, s/he will earn one additional ticket to be added to the Pot O' Gold drawing in their name. At the January 2026 meeting, the member with the highest number of newly-recruited Legionnaires will be automatically awarded the Pot O' Gold money. The runner-up will be reimbursed for the cost of attending the Christmas Dinner (member and spouse ticket cost) and the 3rd place member will earn 1 additional Pot O' Gold ticket. In case of a tie, the member who has recruited the youngest new Legionnaire will be considered the winner.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. November 10, 2025: Veterans' breakfast at James Evans Elementary School in Wappingers Falls. Uniform is cap, white long sleeve shirt. Meet at 8:30am.
2. November 11, 2025: Flag Emplacement along Route 82. Uniform is Legion cap. Meet at 7:00am at Anthony's Pizza Village parking lot.
3. November 11, 2025: Coin Drop at established locations. Uniform is Legion Cap. Commences after Flag Emplacement (see above).
4. November 11, 2025: Dedication of flag retirement box at McHoul's Funeral Home, 1089 Main St in Fishkill. Start time 12:00pm. Uniform is Legion cap and white sleeve shirt.
5. November 12, 2025: Veterans' Day Ceremony - JJHS. Breakfast & ceremony. Meet at JJHS parking lot at 7:20am. Uniform is cap, white long sleeve shirt, dark trousers.
6. November 12, 2025: Flag retrieval along Rt. 82. Immediately following JJHS ceremony.
7. December 13, 2025: Wreaths Across America ceremony at St. Denis RC Church cemetery. Start time 10:00am. Five (5) wreaths purchased by Post will be displayed.
8. December 13, 2025: Visitation of veterans at local nursing homes. **Contact Danny Oberhauser at 845-831-4995 for details.**

AL Post 1758 wishes Post Adjutant Jeff Miedowski a speedy recovery from his persistent foot injury.

# Post Christmas Party

December 6, 2025: Annual Christmas Dinner at Curry Estate. Start time 5:30pm. Cost is \$50 per member and first guest. **Contact Bill Meyer at 845-724-4035 no later than November 14<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to attend, to arrange payment, and select entrée(s).



Curry Estate, 2737 Rt. 52, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533

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The Holidays Are Here!**

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**FREE Haircuts for Veterans  
Tuesday, 11/11 10AM - 3PM**

**30 Vassar Rd Poughkeepsie, NY**

**In honor of your service, we're giving back to our  
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## **New York State Department of Veterans' Services**

Schedule appointment with one of our VA-recognized and accredited Veteran Benefit Advisers

**David Cohen or Karen Saffari (Both Army Veterans)**

- Advocate for Veterans & their families
  - Free benefit counseling
- Disability/compensation claims
  - Pension claims
  - Burial Benefits

**Our Benefit Advisers can access your VA claim history to secure best path for appeals**

Monday through Friday 10am to 4pm  
Second floor of building 17. Rooms G-100C  
Stop by or call for appointment  
(845) 831-2000 Ext: 21-5449

## This Month in Military History

# November 1942 World War II “Operation Torch”

Operation Torch (8–16 November 1942) was an Allied invasion of French North Africa during World War II. Torch was a compromise operation that met the British objective of securing victory in North Africa while allowing American armed forces the opportunity to begin their fight against Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy on a limited scale.

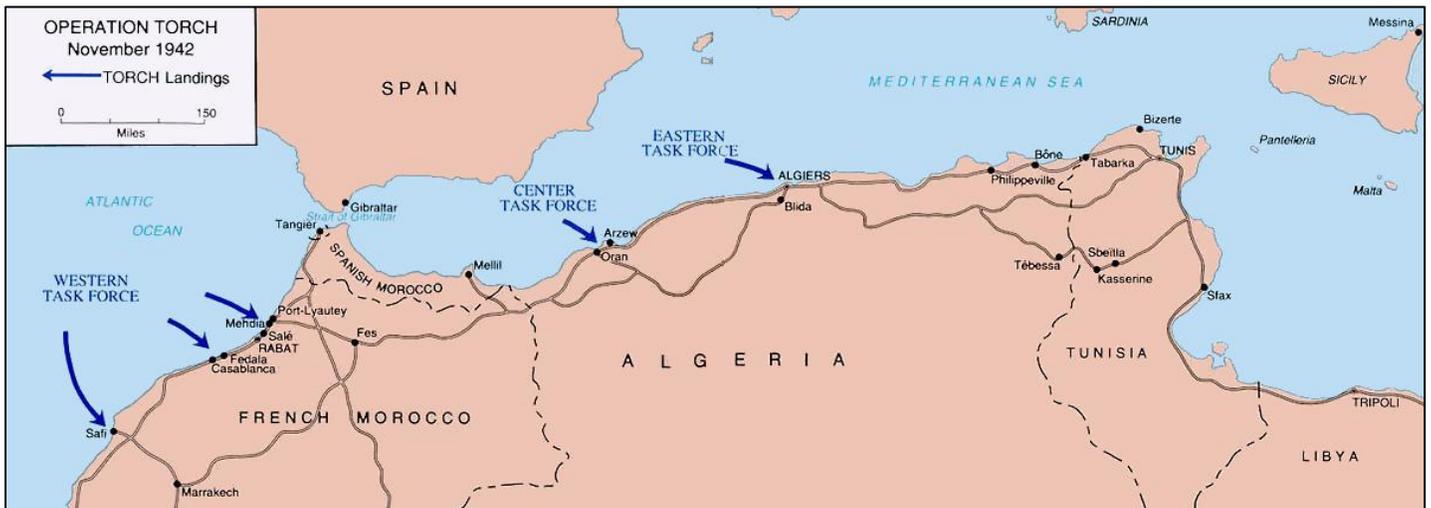


Image of landing/attack locations for Operation Torch, November 1942